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ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003 H.R. 5431

SUMMARY

The Energy and Water Development appropriations bill (H.R. 5431), as reported by the House Appropriations Committee on 24 September 2002, is consistent with the

House Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2003 (H.Con.Res. 353). The legislation complies with the requirements of the Congressional Budget Act.

COST OF THE LEGISLATION

As reported, H.R. 5431 provides \$26.027 billion in new budget authority [BA] and \$25.641 billion in outlays for fiscal year 2003, which began on 1 October 2002. This represents an increase of \$722 million in BA and \$513 million in outlays, compared with fiscal year 2002 (see

Table 1 below). Assuming enactment of this measure, spending for agencies covered by this appropriations bill has increased an average of 6.5 percent a year in the past 3 years. The bill does not contain rescissions of previously enacted BA, or advance appropriations.

Table 1: Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill
(fiscal years; millions of dollars)

	2002 Enacted ^a	Administration 2003 Request	302(b) for 2003	2003 Bill
Budget Authority	25,305	25,528	26,027	26,027
Outlays	25,128	25,280	25,642	25,641

^a House current status plus this bill's share of unallocated emergency outlays.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE BUDGET RESOLUTION

The bill complies with sections 302(f) and 311(a) of the Budget Act. The first of these sections prohibits the consideration of bills in excess of a subcommittee's 302(b) allocation of budget authority. The second, section 311(a), prohibits consideration of legislation exceeding the overall levels of budget authority and outlays established in the

concurrent resolution on the budget. The \$26.027 billion in new discretionary budget authority is equal to the 302(b) allocation to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development. Outlays are \$1 million less than the 302(b) allocation. Table 2, on the following page, gives a breakdown of spending by major program area.

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READER'S NOTE

Although this measure did not reach the floor, the Appropriations Committee did complete action on it before adjournment of the 107th Congress.

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Table 2: Discretionary Spending in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill
(in millions of dollars)

	Budget Authority	Outlays
Corps of Engineers	4,764	4,711
Interior	898	926
Energy - Defense	15,602	15,167
Energy - Nondefense	4,611	4,634
Other Independent Agencies	152	203

DISCUSSION

Overall, the bill is \$499 million more in BA than the President’s original request, largely due to the following:

- An increase of \$740 million for the Army Corps of Engineers, largely due to an increase in funding for local projects. Specific increases include general construction (\$415 million); general operations and maintenance (\$76 million); flood control for the Mississippi River (\$61 million); and general investigations (\$42 million). In addition, the bill does not include the President’s proposal to offset general operations and maintenance appropriations by transferring \$149 million from the Southeastern, Southwestern, and Western Area Power Administrations to the Corps for routine maintenance of hydropower facilities. Finally, the bill adds funds to the remedial action program for formerly utilized sites (\$10 million). These increases are offset by reductions in salaries and expenses to administer laws pertaining to the regulation of navigable waters and wetlands (\$10 million), and general and other expenses (\$3 million).
- An increase of \$57 million for the Interior Department’s Bureau of Reclamation. Appropriations are increased for local water and related resources projects (\$65 million), the Upper Colorado river basin fund (\$5 million), and the San Gabriel Basin restoration fund (\$12 million). These increases are offset by eliminating

funding for the California Bay-Delta restoration (\$15 million) – because the program is not currently authorized – and the proceeds from the conveyance of the Sly Park unit (\$10 million).

- A reduction of \$137 million in Energy nondefense projects. Reductions are from nuclear and renewable energy supply programs (\$60 million), departmental administration (\$50 million), and science programs (\$8 million). These were offset by an increase in nondefense environmental management (\$47 million). The bill also does not fund the President’s budget amendment of 2 August for an additional \$66 million for nuclear waste disposal.
- A reduction of \$99 million for Energy Department defense projects due to a reduction in the National Nuclear Security Administration (\$115 million), partially offset by an increase in other defense activities (\$16 million).
- A reduction of \$62 million for Other Independent Agencies. The reduction comes from eliminating funding for the Denali Commission (\$30 million) and Delta Regional Authority (\$10 million), plus reductions for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (\$27 million). These reductions are offset by an increase for the Appalachian Regional Commission (\$5 million).

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